



## Bonnie N. Hightower

August 24, 1952 - August 26, 2019

Newmarket – Bonnie N. Hightower, 67, of Newmarket and a former longtime resident of Hampton, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Portsmouth Hospital after a brief illness. Bonnie was born in Exeter on August 24, 1952, a daughter of the late Frank and Allaire (Blake) Nownes and was the wife of the late Leon Hightower who died in 2000.

Bonnie was raised in Hampton and graduated from Winnacunnet High with the Class of 1970. She completed beauty school and worked as a stylist for a brief time before meeting and falling in love with Leon Hightower, a young sailor stationed at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Bonnie and Leon had lived in Virginia and Sardinia and moved to Portsmouth in the late 1990s when Leon retired from the service.

She loved her job with Area Home Care & Family Services of Portsmouth and especially enjoyed spending time with her many clients and their families. Bonnie was quite artistic and hand-made many arts & crafts projects for her family and friends and also sold her creations at local craft fairs. She enjoyed doing genealogy, collecting dolls and angel figurines, and she particularly enjoyed going on long drives, with Vermont being one of her favorite destinations.

She is survived by her siblings, Jennifer Duclos and her husband Aimé of South Berwick, ME, Jinny Sawyer and her husband, Michael of Concord and Roger F. Nownes and his fiancée Jacqueline Gentile of Salem. She also leaves her nephews, Ryan Downes, Colby Downes and Bryan Duclos, nieces Forest Nownes, Lisa Flynn, her great nieces Makenzie Pettis, Brooke Flynn and great nephew Jack Flynn.

In addition to her parents and husband, Bonnie was predeceased by her brother, Harry Nownes who passed in 2017.

Visiting hours will be from 5 to 7 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [New Hampshire SPCA]<https://nhspca.org> PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885.

# Cemetery

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## High Street Cemetery

100 High Street  
Hampton, NH,

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory  
811 Lafayette Road ·, Hampton, NH, US, 03842

# Comments

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“ Dearest Bonnie, There are no words to express how much we will miss you. Thank you for the loving kindness you extended to all who knew you. Thank you for the countless events when we sat side by side, always enjoying one another's company. We will miss you so much, but we have faith that you are safely in the arms of Leon, your parents and Harry. All our love...until we see you again. You will never be forgotten.

Uncle Rod and Aunt Kathleen

**Kathleen Blake** - August 31, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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“ You are everywhere I turn. Miss you so much.



**Amy Jensen** - August 31, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bonnie, Rich and I have been friends with you since before we got married while we were all going to the USO. We stayed in contact and really loved seeing you and having you over for our annual Christmas party. You brought joy, love and continuity through all our years together. We will miss you. Sleep well in the grace of God.

**Martha Jones** - August 30, 2019 at 08:18 PM

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“ Bonnie's sweet attention to the kids of this large family will always be fondly remembered. She always had something that she'd made to be given to them when they visited. She will be missed by us all. Rest peacefully.

Lynda

**Lynda Harrold-Blake** - August 30, 2019 at 07:50 PM

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“ I will miss our talks remembering high school days. Then family members, I remember when she spoke of my paternal relatives, I knew her maternal side. Lots of laughs. Til we meet again my friend.



**Janice Coffey Bradley** - August 30, 2019 at 02:17 PM

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“ You were my oldest niece. I remember the day you were brought home from the hospital, your many handy crafts, your punctual Christmas and birthday cards and the long phone conversations we had. I will miss you and I wish you peace.

Randel

**Randel Blake** - August 30, 2019 at 12:48 PM

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“ August 28, 2019  
My dear friend~ I will miss you every day. I know you loved angels..I believe you are flying with them. xoxo Amy

**Amy J** - August 30, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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“ You little up my life with your kindness and love you were definitely one of a kind with your beautiful smile and laugh that just made all worries disappear. Then there's your yummy blueberry muffin and little banana bread loaves you made all the time for me you were so great Bonnie I will never forget you my friend even though you and I were more like sisters until we meet again I love you



**Becca** - August 29, 2019 at 01:31 PM

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“ You were the sister I never had. My best friend since 1972, we met at the Portsmouth USO. You were my bridesmaid in 1972. We've kept in touch ever since thru thick & thin. I remember when I flew out there in early 2000's that you had to take me to Newicks Restaurant. We laughed & cried over the years. I love & miss you dearly.  
Carol Downward

**Carol Downward** - August 28, 2019 at 03:18 PM

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“ I'll miss that smile that lit up the room as a kid every time I saw you. I'll miss those hugs that made all the stress and worries of the day disappear. I won't forget all the love and affection you showed my daughter. I won't forget all the time we spent together over the years. Love you Bonnie. Rest in Peace

**Ryan Downes** - August 28, 2019 at 09:34 AM